

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Physical Therapist Aides (31-2022)

Associated Occupation: Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants (31-1012)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	12.7	17.1	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Psychology	6.4	10.8	9.1	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	8.6	8.1	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	6.6	8.7	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	10.4	10.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	10.3	9.3	<	A higher skill level may be required
Coordination	9.1	9.3	9.3	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

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Abilities

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Static Strength	5.0	11.2	8.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Trunk Strength	5.7	10.1	7.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Stamina	4.0	7.7	6.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	7.1	6.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Dynamic Strength	3.5	6.7	5.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Limb Movement	3.2	6.2	5.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Equilibrium	3.2	6.1	3.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Administer medications or treatments	46
Assist patient with dressing, undressing, grooming, or bathing	77
Instruct patient in use of supportive device	87
Instruct patients in methods to improve functional activities	87
Inventory medical supplies or instruments	67
Lift or transport ill or injured patients	69
Maintain dental or medical records	64
Observe patient condition	48
Position patient for therapy	70
Prepare patients for tests, therapy, or treatments	70
Set up patient care equipment	75
Use massage therapy procedures	81
Weigh patients	75
Work with persons with mental disabilities or illnesses	62

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 87

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Ambulation and transfer and positioning aids for the physically challenged	27
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Heat and cold therapy products	29
Industry specific software	1
Patient lifts	35
Patient transport products	18
Vascular and compression therapy equipment and supplies	33

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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